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higher than 23.47 per 1000 it would account for 59,353 persons of the apparent total for 1890, and leave 11,089 for the Canadian quota. If the death rate is estimated at 27 per 1000 the apparent total for 1890 will be reduced to 184,712, which exceeds the Census figures for 1890 by 2132 persons, to be looked for in Canada and British Columbia.

There has been a great increase in the volume of the immigration for the past five years. The *Almanach de Gotha* for 1895, taking its figures from the Italian official publication, makes the number of departures for the United States alone, in the four years, 1890-93, 185,029. An approximate total for the beginning of the year 1895 may be reached by adding together these figures:—

Census return for 1890,	182,580
Immigration, 1890-93,	185,029
Estimate for 1894,	50,000
	<hr/> 417,609

In a question of this kind it does not appear that any other authority can take the place of the official census.

PERMANENT CENSUS BUREAU.

The following joint resolutions, relating to the federal census, have been passed by Congress:—

Whereas representatives of various Governments which make decennial enumerations of the people are making efforts to secure uniformity in the inquiries to be used in future censuses; and

Whereas also it is expedient to give early consideration to some comprehensive plan for the establishment of a permanent census service: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Commissioner of Labor, now in charge of the Eleventh Census, is hereby authorized and directed to correspond with the census officers of other Governments for the purpose of securing uniformity in the inquiries relating to the people to be used in future censuses; and that said Commissioner is also hereby directed to report to Congress for its consideration, as soon as practicable, a plan for a permanent census service.